Standstill Crude Oil Production from Ravva Off-Shore Structure

1986. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the crude oil production at the Ravva off-shore structure in the Krishna Godavari basin in Andhra Pradesh came to a standstill in February, 1997;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the actions taken to settle the demands of local villages amicably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir, production remained suspended between 7.2.1997 and 10.2.1997.

(b) The production was suspended as there was no free access to the Ravva terminal because of demonstration by local people in suppert of their demands.

(c) In the interest of maintaining amicable relations with the local commun ity the joint venture contractor has been providing the following facilities:

(i) drinking water tap
(ii) teachers for the local school
(iii) medical facility and assistance in emergencies

In addition, the contractor companies outlined certain short term plans involving, repair and upgradation of a few roads in the area, completion of summer reservoir, providing need based job opportunities to the local people etc.

Import and Export of Naphtha

1987. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Naphtha is being exported from India and also imported in the country;

(b) if so, the quantities and values of export and import during the last three years and the circumstances and the justification therefor;

(c) what have been the international prices, unit value of export and import and the domestic prices of Naphtha during the above period; and

(d) to what extent the demand of various Naphtha-based industries in the country is being met from indigenous sources and to what extent Naphtha linkages have been provided to the existing/prospective user industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantity and value of export of Naphtha during the last 3 years are as under:—

	Quantity (MMT)	Value (Rs. in crores)
1993-94	1.625	683.20
1994-95	2.249	1061.40
1995-96	2.461	1294.26

The EXIM Policy also provides for import of Naphtha without import licence for petrochemical sector subject to the condition that the return stream of Naphtha should be either sold to the crude oil refinery on commercial terms or be used as industrial feedstock for own captive consumption by the importer. The estimated quantities imported by private parties during the last three years are as under:—

Years	Quantity (in TMT)
1993-94	138
1994-95	389
1995-96	229

The value of imports by the private parties is decided by mutual commercial agreements between the concerned parties.

(c) The prices of petroleum products including naphtha, in the international market are highly volatile and subject to frequent changes from time to time.

The average export price of Naphtha for exports undertaken by IOC during last 3 years were US $134.06/MT, US $149.50/MT and US $152.87/MT respectively.

During the last three years, the domestic prices of Naphtha (Ex-Storage Point exclusive of excise durty) have been as under:—

(Rs./MT)

Year	Fertilizer Use	Others
1993-94	3722.78	6075.69
1994-95	-do-	-do-
1995-96	-do-	-do-

(d) Naphtha linkages approved by the Government for the existing naphtha based industries are being met on demand from indigenous sources. The quantities of Naphtha allocated for the existing and prospective user industries during 1993-94 to 1996-97 are given below:—

	(Figures in TMTPA)
1993-94	1174.2
1994-95	3074.8
1995-96	3505.7
1996-97	831.3

It has also been committed to provide allocation of Naphtha for 12000 MW of power generation.

Production Cost of Naphtha

1988. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the production cost of Naphtha in the country during the last three years;

(b) at what prices, net of taxes/levies Naphtha was sold to fertilizer units petrochemical sector and other users, during the same period;

(c) what has been the per unit landed price of imported Naphtha during the same period; and

(d) what has been the per unit export realisation (F.O.B.) of export of Naphtha during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) The cost of production of Naphtha would vary from refinery to refinery depending on the level of crude thruput, pattern of production, delivered cost of crude oil, the cost of processing/ refining and the return on capital employed etc. The estimated cost of production on weighted average basis exclusive of cost of marketing margin and Excise duty during the last 3 years is given below:

	Rs./MT
1993-94	5844
1994-95	5918
1995-96	6012

(b) The ex-sotrage point prices (exclusive of Excise duty) of Naphtha during the years 1993-94 to 1995-96 for Fertiliser use Rs. 3,722.78/MT and for non-fertiliser use was Rs. 6075.69/MT.

(c) and (d) Naphtha was not imported by the Public sector oil companies during the last three years. The average FOB prices realised on export of Naphtha during the last three years is given below:

Year	$/MT	Rs./MT
193-94	134.20	4203.08
1994-95	149.68	4695.36
1995-96	147.84	4915.88